



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.	:	10/783,166
Applicant	:	Timothy A. Estes et al.
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Title	:	Method and Apparatus for Rapid Thermal Testing
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Examiner	:	Verbitsky, Gail Kaplan
Docket No.	:	31662-1001
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 22, 2005, requiring restriction to one of the following inventions: Group I, claims 1-22, drawn to apparatus for thermal testing, classified in class 374, subclass 5; or Group II, claims 23-36, drawn to method of performing thermal testing, classified in class 374, subclass 57.

Applicant provisionally elects the invention of the claims of Group I, claims 1-22 to be examined, with traverse. Therefore, claims 23-36 are withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the remaining claims.

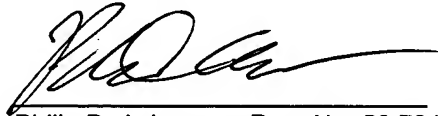
The Examiner asserts that the method of the present invention can be practiced with another apparatus. However, since both groups require varying the temperature of one or more samples,

applicant believes no additional search burden would be borne by the Examiner to examine both groups, and respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions relating to a speedy disposition of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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